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BRAVE SHERIFF DIES AS RESULT OF PISTOL SHOTS

E. P. WEBB SUCCUMBS TO WOUNDS INFLICTED BY A DESPERATE LAW BREAKER.

Deputy Sheriff Ed. P. Webb died at Louisa last Saturday morning from the wounds inflicted in the encounter with Paul Wellman on the Monday before. Up to Thursday noon his condition seemed as favorable as could be expected with such serious wounds. Soon after that he had an attack of vomiting and it was realized that he had very little chance to live. He was conscious and fully aware that the end was near. He gave directions as to his wishes in various matters. One request was that his small children be sent to the Masonic Home. He leaves five children, one of them a grown son, the next a daughter 14 years old. The others are quite young, being the children of a second wife, who died last fall.

The body was sent on Saturday to the home of Mr. Webb's brother-in-law J. L. Moore, at Fuller station.

On Sunday afternoon the burial took place under the auspices of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities. A large number of people from Louisa attended and it is said the crowd at the funeral was one of the largest that ever gathered upon a similar occasion in the county.

No death that has occurred recently has caused more general sorrow. The fact that he was shot down by an outlaw while in the faithful and fearless discharge of his official duty accentuated the feeling and general interest in the case.

Mr. Webb was 48 years old, a Christian gentleman, and a most excellent citizen. He was a son of Z. T. Webb, of Fallsburg. An obituary notice appears elsewhere in this issue, written by a neighbor.

As reported in the NEWS last week Mr. Webb was shot five times while trying to arrest Paul Wellman, a bootlegger and wife beater from Catlettsburg, who had been a disturber in the vicinity of Catlets for some time. Wellman was instantly killed after he had shot Mr. Webb.

BURMAN HATFIELD IS VICTIM OF ASSASSIN

Burman Hatfield, a deputy sheriff of McDowell-co., W. Va., was shot from ambush and killed at Mohawk.

About eight o'clock Hatfield was walking down the railroad when a shot was fired from the hillside and he fell dead.

The assassin has not been apprehended.

Several nights ago Hatfield's house, in Buchanan-co., Va., was burned to the ground. It is thought probable that the two crimes are of the same source. —Williamson News.

BIG SANDY DAM No. 3 UNDERGOING REPAIRS

To whom it may concern: Dam No. 3, Big Sandy River, will be under repair for a period of about two months, during which time the pool above the dam will be at low stage and will be navigable only in case of tyons.

B. F. THOMAS, Assistant Engineer.

MORE GOOD WELLS IN LOCAL FIELD

On the James McGuire farm at the mouth of Two Mile creek, 2 miles below Louisa, the New Dominion has drilled well No. 1, and this is estimated to be good for eight barrels. This is located on the hill.

No. 1 on R. Blankenship's land just north of the Fred Frazier farm and James McGuire, the Ohio Fuel is starting the first well.

Ohio Fuel No. 3 on Thad Ransom is the best well on that farm, good for 8 to 10 barrels.

The Ohio Fuel is almost ready to begin a well on J. L. Hewlett's farm on Brushy, which is new territory.

Marlin & Mitchell's well at Busseyville is in the sand, with a good showing.

A well is being drilled on L. S. Alley by the Richmond Drilling Co.

D. A. LEFFINGWELL DEAD.

Death came suddenly at upon Wednesday to Capt. Dwight A. Leffingwell while at the dinner table at his home in Ashland. Heart trouble was the cause. He was 78 years old. He was a prominent business man of Ashland. He was in the wholesale grocery business for many years. For the past few years he had been in the real estate business. His wife, one son, D. A. Jr. and two daughters, Mrs. John Chaffee and Mrs. P. K. Mallin survive.

DIES OF DIPHTHERIA.

After a few days illness with diphtheria the four year old child of Sam Fletcher died at his home on Lick creek. Another one of the children was quite sick at the time.

REWARD OFFERED.

A reward of \$100 has been offered by the State for arrest of Joseph Owen, charged in Knott-co., with the murder of Tilden Sloan, June 2.

REMODELING RESIDENCE.

F. T. D. Wallace, Jr., is having his residence thoroughly repaired and remodelled. When completed it will be an attractive place. The outside is to receive a stucco or rock bond treatment and a large porch is to be built across the front. The work is being done under the supervision of architect and builder A. C. Shaanon.

WATER SYSTEM IS AGAIN BROKEN DOWN

The Louisa water works went out of commission again Monday night and the town is yet without water. The engine broke down and the parts were shipped away to be repaired. The bakery was unable to run until a tank was set up and filled.

CLEAN UP.

The State Fire Marshall has been after some Louisa citizens about rubbish accumulating at places where it is likely to cause fire to start.

The Mayor has received a letter from the department urging a clean up.

DR. BURGESS AT BALTIMORE.

Dr. T. D. Burgess has gone to Baltimore to remain about five days. He is a graduate of the well known medical college of that place and will renew old acquaintances.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE HERE

The annual Sunday School Institute, Ashland District, M. E. Church South, will be held at Louisa on next Tuesday and Wednesday, July 27th and 28th. The first session will begin at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

This will be quite an important gathering and should be largely attended. Each Sunday School in the entire district is entitled to representation by the pastor, superintendent and two delegates.

Rev. W. C. Owens, of Nashville, one of the leaders in Sunday School work for the entire connection, is expected to be present. Also, Mr. Thornburg, conference field worker, will be here.

Louisa will, of course, give the visitors a welcome and good entertainment during their brief stay here.

WELLMAN-CRUM.

The wedding of Miss Maud Wellman and Mr. Edward Crum was solemnized at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ira Wellman and was attended by a large number of friends.

Miss Virginia Hager played the wedding march. The ceremony was read by the Rev. J. D. Bell, pastor of the M. E. Church South.

The bride who is a brunette of unusually attractive type never looked prettier than when she took the solemn vows which united her life with that of the man to whom she had given her young heart. Her happiness radiated from her countenance. She wore a handsome dress of white crepe de chine and satin. Her corsage was cream rose buds and sweet peas.

In the hall where the guests gathered following the ceremony the bride threw the flowers which were caught by Miss Dorothy Vinson.

Mr. Crum is the son of Sam J. Crum of Fort Gay, W. Va., and is a man of splendid reputation.

A few hours after the wedding the bride, attired in a beautiful traveling suit of blue with accessories to match, and with a host of friends, accompanied Mr. Crum to his home in Fort Gay to wait for N. & W. train No. 1. They left on their honeymoon amid showers of rice and ringing bells. They will spend a few days in Columbus, Cincinnati and various places.

A host of friends wishes this young couple a long and happy life.

A GUEST.

Tom Muncey, oil well driller, has moved from Louisa to the Conley & Burgess farm on Two Mile. He is in charge of a string of tools in which he owns an interest.

R. M. CURNUTTE DIES OF APOPLEXY

Reuben M. Curnutte, age about 50, died of apoplexy at Red Jacket, W. Va., last Monday evening. He lived only three hours after the attack.

He was a native of Lawrence-co., a son of John Curnutte of Brushy, near Blaine. His last wife, who survives him, was Miss Kate McHenry, of Louisa. They have one son, a boy of 12. Ten years ago they moved west, locating in Washington. Returning here the first of May Mr. Curnutte went to Red Jacket where his brother, Will, is a mine superintendent, and took employment as a carpenter. He had rented a house and intended to start house keeping next week. Mrs. Curnutte and son were in Ashland visiting a son and daughter of Mr. Curnutte by his first marriage. They all went to Red Jacket immediately after receiving the shocking news.

The first plan was to have the burial at Louisa, but difficulties in regard to shipping the body caused the family to decide upon burial at Red Jacket.

Mr. Curnutte was an honest, industrious, upright citizen, such a man as no community can afford to lose. To his family the loss is irreparable and the deepest sympathy is extended to them.

COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE MEETS

PROCEEDINGS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY'S ANNUAL GATHERING OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Met Monday, July 19, with Prof. J. W. Bradner of Ashland as instructor. The institute was organized by electing M. E. Sparks vice president and Miss Reba Adams secretary.

The teachers were enrolled by divisions there being about thirty schools without teachers.

Supt. J. H. Ekers made the introductory speech presenting Dr. Bradner, who delivered a fine address stating the work that would be done during the week.

Monday evening was devoted to the discussions of Dr. Bradner on the Personal Fitness of the Teacher and by Isaac Cunningham on Professional Training and Dr. Kennison on How Can Young People of Highest Character and Ability be Induced to Enter the Teaching Profession?

Rev. Varney made a wonderful appeal to the teachers in favor of Agriculture. His speech was logical.

Tuesday.

Singing led by Isaac Cunningham. Scriptural reading and prayer by Dr. Kennison.

Mrs. Lizzie Meade gave a very able discussion on School Grounds and Mrs. Hyington ably discussed Clean-up Days.

M. E. Sparks discussed School Sanitation and Dr. Bradner presented physical education showing how necessary it is that children be taught properly.

The usual paper representatives and book agents are present besieging the teachers.

Wednesday.

Prayer by Rev. Haggard. Address on H. C. of L. by Mrs. Morehead of Lexington. She gave examples of money being extravagantly spent by persons that don't know the real value of money.

She urged the teaching of economy and of saving in every way to help in bringing down the cost of living.

The extravagant use of money by woman is one of the causes of the H. C. of L. All in all her address was one of the best of the institute.

Address by Prof. Chapman, supervisor of rural schools. He emphasized the talk of Mrs. Morehead.

Address by A. J. Jolly of Louisville on thrift education. His address shows that he is an optimist and looks on the bright side and he urged teachers to save.

The School as a Training for Citizenship was ably discussed by Dr. Kennison. He emphasized attendance of pupils and grading of school.

School Per Capita to Remain at \$6.10

Frankfort, Ky., July 19.—The State school per capita will remain \$6.10 for the ensuing school year.

The \$4,000,000 State school fund is distributed among the counties and cities for the pay of teachers on pro rata of scholastic population. The basis this year, as last, will be \$6.10 for each school child in the county or city.

TEACHERS FOR THE LOUISA SCHOOLS

Miss Sallie Gearhart has been elected principal of the Louisa Graded schools. Prof. S. Z. Frazier, who holds a position at Wayland, having resigned to continue his work there.

Mrs. Clifford Wilson Owens has moved to Huntington and her place as teacher in the school will be filled by Miss Mary Compton. Miss Garnet See will also be one of the teachers. The others are Miss Dora Johns and Mrs. W. M. Byington.

Dr. Lewis Prichard Dies at Charleston

At the age of 82 Dr. Lewis Prichard died Wednesday at his home in Charleston, W. Va. He was one of the wealthiest men in that city and has given away large sums to schools and churches in the last few years.

He is survived by two sons, Fred of Huntington and Mead of Charleston. Dr. Prichard was the eighth of a family of children born and reared at Kavanagh station on the Big Sandy river, 14 miles below Louisa.

He located at Grayson and practiced medicine successfully for many years. Moving to Charleston in 1869 he engaged in banking and real estate business and became a millionaire. His brother Dick Prichard was in business in Louisa for many years and died here. Dr. Prichard outlived all of his brothers.

Taught by his mother, he became an acceptable school teacher before he was 21. Later he studied under Prof. Holbrook at Lebanon, O. and thereafter entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he received the degree of doctor of medicine in 1867.

Mrs. Carrie S. Adams and daughters, Misses Sallie and Caroline Burns, are moving to Catlettsburg.

WANTS MORE TEACHERS.

Frankfort, July 16.—In an effort to obtain enough teachers to supply the deficiency throughout the State, Superintendent Colvin has written every county superintendent asking him to advertise widely the county teachers' examinations to be held August 6 and 7.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS TO HAVE SCHOOL

Frankfort, July 13.—School attendance officers and county superintendents will have a school at the University of Louisville August 2 to 14, the first course of its kind ever offered in the United States, the purpose of which is to link up, through the attendance officer, the school, juvenile courts and health departments, including the Red Cross.

TEACHERS EXAMINATION. An examination for applicants for teachers' certificates, both county and state, will be held in Louisa, Friday and Saturday Aug. 6th and 7th.

J. H. ECKERS, Supt.

REVIVAL SERVICES. Rev. Nanna, conference evangelist will begin a special campaign in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fort Gay, W. Va., July 23.

TROOP TO MEET HERE TUESDAY

The troop of cavalry organized by Capt. D. L. Thompson, composed of Lawrence county men, is called to meet at Louisa of July 27 for inspection by a Federal officer.

Every man is required to be present, as an order has been received from the Adjutant General to that effect.

The troop will go to camp August 1 and it is necessary to get uniforms and equipment before that time.

Wayne County Leads in Road Building

Road contracts let in Wayne county during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, amounted to \$698,470.27, while the total in Cabell county amounted only to \$40,096.65. It was reported at the Huntington office of the state road commission yesterday. In ten counties including Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Allen, McCreary, McDowell, Putnam, Wayne and Wyoming, the entire amount of road contracts let during the year was \$1,280,896.48, of which sum state and federal aid was given to the amount of \$290,459.17. The total amount of contracts let in the ten counties for bridges was \$156,374.

In the ten counties 76.6 miles of road were built and nine bridges were constructed.

KOUNS-WOMACK.

The Ashland Independent says:—A marriage which will be of interest to their many friends was that of Miss Jennie Louise Kouns, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kouns, to Mr. John Womack, of Hitchins, which took place last Saturday afternoon in front of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a summer afternoon frock of pink organdy with hat of the same material and shade, a delicate blue combining in the trimming.

After the marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Womack came directly to Ashland, where they will be located for the present, at light housekeeping. Mr. Womack is a popular C. & O. employe, working out of Russell on the main line, as brakeman.

FAMILY POISONED.

The family of John Akers, who live on Whites creek, was poisoned last Friday. Mrs. Akers had a pain in her back and had mixed tartar emetic with some grease to be used on her back. Another member of the family in making bread greased the skillet with the medicine and after eating the bread six members of the family became violently ill.

Dr. F. D. Marcum was summoned about 11 o'clock Friday night and went to the Akers home and rendered aid to the very sick family. They will all recover. —Ceredo Advance.

STREET PAVING STARTS.

Ground was broken this week for the street paving in Louisa. Several teams were put to work on Pike-st., from Lock-av. to the city hall. Later on a steam shovel will do most of the excavation.

Railroad Men Get a Boost in Wages

The United States Labor board has granted an increase in wages to railroad men amounting to 21 per cent, or six hundred millions of dollars.

Increased freight rates, and possibly, passenger rates, will be made to meet the increased operating expenses.

The indications are that most of the railroad workers will favor accepting the increase, but mutterings are heard from the Bolshevik element, as usual.

BURIAL OF MRS. STOKOE.

The body of Mrs. Sallie Stokoe was brought to Louisa last Friday for burial. Her death occurred at Williamson, W. Va., where the family had lived for some time. They formerly were residents of Louisa.

COMMENCEMENT OF KENTUCKY NORMAL COLLEGE, 1920

LARGE CLASSES GRADUATE FROM TWO DEPARTMENTS OF THIS INSTITUTION.

The commencement exercises for Kentucky Normal College began last Sunday with the preaching of the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. D. Bell, of the M. E. Church South. There was a large crowd present and the sermon has been much complimented. Rev. J. D. Haggard of the M. E. Church, and Dr. Anderson, of the Baptist church, had part in the services also.

High School Department. On Tuesday evening the High School department rendered the program published in the NEWS last week.

The piano solos by Misses Cleo Clayton, Eliza Ransom and Ruth Woods were artistically executed. The vocal solo by Miss Elizabeth Burgess was very pretty and well done.

Frank Picklesimer, C. E. Mink and Matthew Garred acquitted themselves quite creditably in orations.

Prof. Chapman was sent here from Frankfort as a substitute for Supt. George Colvin and his address was well received. He is a fluent speaker and made a practical talk. He awarded the diplomas to the following graduates:

Ruth Jean Woods, Eliza Jessie Ransom, Cleo Clayton, Thomas E. Dunagan, Herbert Hewlett, Hugh Holt, Charles Chilton Rose, Ben F. Vinson, Matthew D. Garred, Frank Marion Picklesimer, Charles Everett Mink, Jack Land, Minnie Helen Frasher, Nola Charline Frasher, Maxie White, Johnson, Elizabeth Ann Burgess, Estill Hayden Hamilton.

Commercial Department. On Wednesday evening, after a selection by the junior orchestra, the class song was rendered to piano accompaniment played by Prof. I. A. Saucier. It was a very pleasing number.

Miss Elizabeth Yates sang a tuneless solo quite acceptably, as did Miss Miller received liberal applause for a piano solo that was well played.

The orations by W. D. Steele and W. O. Leedy were favorably received by the audience.

Judge H. R. Dwyard of Ashland made an appropriate and interesting address.

Dr. Anderson, pastor of the Baptist church, awarded the diplomas, which closed the exercises. Following is the list of graduates:

Ernest Thomas Wolford, Raymon Burns Turner, Frank Marion Picklesimer, Hayes Muncey, Milton Ernest Carter, Lucille Cyrus, Ernest Clifton Pepples, James Sturgell, Roy Thompson, Sidney Perlena Swann, Robert Leroy Vinson, Elizabeth Ann Burgess, Winford Scott Prince, Andrew Brood Blankenship, Elizabeth Ann Yates, Vivian Grace Frazier, Nora Lee Hayes, Mary Belle Collier, Nancy Ellen Ratliffe, Elva Dean Hayes, Rose Belle Smith, Ethel Virginia Smith, Paul Dean Ransom, Julia Howe Watterston, Minnie Waska Holbrook, Susie Lorraine DeBord, Mary Lee Hayes, Wallace Dewey Steele, Thomas Jefferson Fitzpatrick, Melva Skeans Lester, William Owen Leedy, Martha Effa Ann Roberts, Mary Kathleen Holt, Ethel Gladys Alley, Amy Eugene Preston, Irene Dempsey Spears, Ramie Leon Prince, Margaret Lou Chaffin, Harry Hampton Crisp, James Stepp, Sallie Jackson Baker, Bernard Lowe, Jack McGuire.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

(Citizens are welcome to use this column for discussion of matter of public interest. Name of author must accompany each letter to protect us from liability but need not be printed unless desired, if the article keeps within reasonable bounds. Be as brief as possible.—Editor.)

ROAD PLAN SUGGESTED

Zelda, Ky., July 18, 1920. Editor Big Sandy News.

Dear Editor:—I would like to have a small space in your paper to give my views on road building. As for the finance of the county I don't know, but I think we ought to have some money in the treasury and I think we should have a part of our tax money spent on the roads in Lawrence-co. The roads are now unpassable I would suggest that the county furnish the material and tools to work with and each farmer start building roads on his own farm and if they will do this I will do my part in building roads. There never was a time that we needed roads

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John R. Diamond, 59, to Erna Wilson, 45, of Louisa.

Frank P. Brickey, 26, to Felsie Williams, 16, of Blevins and Sacred Wind.

Neville B. Carter, 34, of Franklin Furnace, O., to Allie Christian, 20, of Prichard, W. Va.

Chas. Eckert, 23, of Wayland, to Anna B. Ekers, 21, of Cadmus.

George Crawford, 53, to Mary Carter, 56, of Gallip.

Edward Crum, 20, of Fort Gay, to Maud Wellman, 16, Louisa.

Tilden E. Blackburn of Sidney and Lottie May Lowe, of Canada, Pike-co., were married in Williamson, W. Va.

worked as had as we do now.

If the county will furnish me with the tools and material I will start work and improve the road on my farm. I think everybody in Lawrence-co. ought to be willing to put in a few days on the roads, so that we could get them passable.

Your truly, ISAAC POTTER.

FROM THE POINT.

I wish first to congratulate the Big Sandy News on the splendid addition of a "People's Column." This is a worthy feature and will be much appreciated by all.

The question that now predominates seems to be on the deplorable condition of roads. I do not wish to intrude or say what has previously been said, but would like to bring before the minds of the people a particular instance that is an almost impassable barrier to all modes of traveling or transportation. I refer to the broken down bridge at the mouth of Mayna-1 down bridge on the main river road. This bridge has been down since about February 2. It is an impossible task to get around with any kind of a vehicle and at times with even a horse as the least raise or even the lock need make it impossible to ride around.

In justice to the people of the Point and county, I say this bridge has been down by far too long and should be made passable, not next fall or winter, but now!

These are my sentiments much reserved and I believe are also of those who know of this. I know there are some several that agree with me. I refer you to any of the many who have performed the acrobatic feats of descending and climbing the rugged banks of Maynard branch.

PARKER, Donithon, Ky.

HOODS FORK.

The people of all sections of this county are glad that the Big Sandy News has opened its columns to the public whereby the public questions may be discussed and may be that by this means the present intolerable condition of our once roads may be bettered and those whose duty it is to act may be stirred to some action in that direction. "Another Taxpayer" and "Busseyville Citizen" articles appearing in your paper of July 16 have the right ring to them. They have touched the right key.

If the county officials would come out and ride up Hood (for it is all the way it is possible to travel up our creek) they certainly would wonder why a long suffering people do not rebel at paying tax and get absolutely nothing done for them and this creek is not the only place in this condition. It is impossible to travel over it with a wagon.

We don't really know we have any county officials, judging from conditions, and this same sentiment pervades the county.

If the county judge had spent a much time in riding out and hiring some one to drain some bad mud hole and relling it, as he used in writing such a long article filled with nonsense, and excuses that don't excuse it would have been much more beneficial to the traveling public.

Will the county judge inform the public how much of his time he has devoted in riding over the roads to find out what horrible conditions the roads have gone into in the last two years? If he will tell us into what localities he has visited and used his power to correct them after he made such visits, if any he did make.

Judge Rife in that long article of excuses that do not excuse says: "If you knew of the awful amount of work and thought and responsibility and worry that is heaped upon me in trying to get the Mayo Trail, the biggest proposition that has ever confronted a county official, established somewhere in the county as soon as possible and get the work started thereon, you would doubtless look upon me with compassion."

This Mayo Trail was established by the Legislature and all was to be done, as we are informed, to "preserve" while the Fiscal Court made a order directing the loan of some of the money that will come from the bond issue to the state to assist in pushing their Mayo Trail to start earlier than it otherwise would do.

The judge says traffic has been much heavier near Louisa than it ever was. The writer saw a proposition made by these old people to put up a large sum of money or work if the county would do likewise. Yet, the same mud holes are in the roads now that existed at that time. Roads and bridges can't be made better except by efforts; they can't be dreamed into good condition.